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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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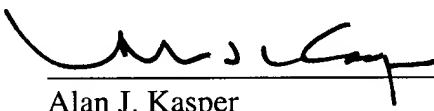
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for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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FOR THE CORRESPONDING CHINESE APPLICATION

1. U.S. Patent: No. 5,789,690  
Assignee: Sony Corporation (JP)  
Date of Patent: August 4, 1998
2. Chinese Patent Publication: No. 1172319  
Date of Publication: February 4, 1998

Equivalent U.S. Patent: No. 5,753,844  
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Publication No. 1172319.